North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD)
Resolution 2014 – 21

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2015 NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

WHEREAS, the NCRTD was created through legislative enactment (NMSA 1978, Section 73-25-1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the NCRTD is a sub-division of the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the NCRTD was approved and certified by the New Mexico Department of Transportation on the 14th day of September 2004; and

WHEREAS, the NCRTD Board of Directors and Staff is concerned with legislative matters at the state and federal level which could have an impact on the operations of the District; and

WHEREAS, the NCRTD seeks to advocate on its behalf to protect the Districts interests during the New Mexico State Legislative Session and provide guidance to staff and its legislative support contractor in dealing with various state and federal officials and establish those priority items for federal and state legislative review and enactment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the NCRTD Board of Directors that the Districts, State and Federal Legislative Priorities are as follows:

GENERAL LEGISLATIVE POLICY

Statement of Preservation

As a general policy, the North Central Regional Transit District (District) seeks to preserve its current authority to govern the affairs of the District and its property. The District will oppose any legislation viewed as detrimental to the District's strategic goals and existing statutory purpose; that is contrary to the health, safety, and welfare of its constituents, that mandates increased costs or loss of revenues; or that would diminish the fundamental authority of the District.

Statement of Support

Similarly the District supports any legislation viewed as advancing the District's strategic goals and existing statutory purpose; that improves the health, safety, and welfare of its constituents; that responsibly increases revenues; or that advances the District's authority to conduct the public's business.

Coalitions-based Advocacy with Parties that Share Common Goals and Interests

The District will engage and foster strategic partnerships with cities, counties, political subdivisions, non-profits, regional and metropolitan planning organizations and private sector entities that share common goals with the District. Additionally, the District will work in coordination with regional and national organizations such as the New Mexico Transportation Association, South West Transit Association, American Public Transportation Association, New Mexico Municipal League and New Mexico Association

of Counties when their adopted positions are in line with the legislative objectives, goals and priorities of the District. The involvement in strategic partnerships and coordinated efforts is intended to provide the District with a stronger presence in the legislative process.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2015

STATE

- Support capital appropriations for acquisition of fleet replacement.
- Support capital appropriations to install an emergency electrical generator.
- Support capital appropriations to fund acquisition and installation of photovoltaic panels and conversion to electrical power for the Jim West Transit facility.
- Support capital appropriations to fund ADA improvements.
- Support capital appropriations to fund the design and construction of a fleet maintenance facility.
- Support capital appropriations to fund acquisition of satellite facilities.
- Support a reliable and adequate source of financing for NCRTD.
- Support continued relationships, collaboration and support with county, municipal and tribal governments to solve transportation needs of New Mexican citizens.
- Support legislation that enhances NCRTD in its ability to serve its constituents.
- Support legislation that establishes a State Transit Fund to Support Municipal and Regional Transit Capital and Operational needs.
- Oppose any changes to gross receipts structure for the funding of North Central Regional Transit District.
- Oppose unfriendly amendments to the Regional Transit District Statue (Article 25 Regional Transit District).
- Oppose any decrease in gross receipts used to fund services provided by NCRTD.
- Monitor state implementation of MAP-21 and any successor legislation and support efforts to ensure that the NCRTD receives a fair share of federal transportation funding.
- Monitor state budget and transportation funding opportunities.
- Monitor or oppose legislation deemed to directly affect the NCRTD and/or its ability to serve its constituents.

FEDERAL

- Monitor and support surface transportation authorization funding (MAP-21).
- Monitor and support surface transportation reauthorization efforts due to expiration of MAP-21 and successor legislation.
- Support level or increased Transportation Appropriations.
- Support legislation that identifies long-term funding for transportation.
- Support efforts to protect transportation funding from legislative initiatives or budget proposals.
- Support legislative policies that promote national Transit Safety and Security.
- Support reasonable legislative policies and programs that incorporate public transit as a solution to achieve environmental sustainability.
- Work with the American Public Transportation Association and other state and national associations to oppose efforts that would reduce funding for transit or that would make significant policy shifts that would be unfavorable to the NCRTD.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT ON THIS 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2014.

Daniel Barrone, Chairman

Approved as to form:

Peter Dwyer, Counsel